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Illicit cutting of trees in Karulai Estate forests.

* 342 Q.—Sri K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether there have been illicit fellings on a large scale in Karulai Estate forests (private) in Amarambalam village, Ernad taluk, Malabar; and

(b) if so, what action the Government have taken in the matter?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) The Collector of Malabar sanctioned the prosecution of the offenders under section 8 of the Madras Preservation of Forests Act for having contravened the provisions of sections 3 (1) (a) and 3 (2) of the Act and the case was reported to be pending before the Additional First-class Magistrate, Kozhikode."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" I think the matter is before the Court. Then, it is *sub judice*. I pass on to the next question."

(Sri T. C. Narayanan Nambiar rose.)

Mr. SPEAKER :—" No, no. I have got to cover eighteen questions within fifteen minutes. It is not possible to allow supplementaries on this question as the matter is before the Court. I shall pass on to the next question."

Improvements to sub-jails in Tanjore.

* 343 Q.—Sri S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state the improvements proposed to be made in sub-jails in Tanjore under the new schemes for 1954–55 and the sum allotted to that district for such improvements under item No. 212 at page 130 of the Budget Memorandum for 1954–55?

The Hon. Sri K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" The various proposals of improvements to sub-jails in the State, that were considered as Part II Scheme for 1954–55, included the following items of works in respect of the sub-jails in the Tanjore district :—

(1) *Sub-jail, Pattukkottai.*—Provision of a compound wall on the northern side and raising the height of the compound wall on the north and west of the sub-jail (estimated cost Rs. 6,700) ;

(2) *Sub-jail, Sirkali.*—Construction of a compound wall (estimated cost Rs. 4,580);

(3) *Sub-jail, Papanasam.*—Construction of a compound wall (estimated cost Rs. 10,300); and

(4) *Sub-jail, Tirturaipundi.*—Construction of additional cells (estimated cost Rs. 13,800).